

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)
FACT SHEET 2
FOR SCHOOL LEADERS



For more information and to enroll, contact Covered California:

www.coveredca.com
1 (800) 300-1506

HEALTH COVERAGE IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR MANY!

What School Leaders Should Know

Even though open enrollment in Covered California ended on March 31, affordable health coverage remains available for children and families.

Many families and individuals may not know that they still may enroll in health coverage through:

1. Covered California – *special enrollment if an individual experiences certain life changes.*
2. Medi-Cal – *year-round open enrollment.*

Why This is Important for School Leaders

- ▶ Healthy kids make good learners.
- ▶ Millions of uninsured students, parents, and school employees are eligible to enroll in health coverage year-round.
- ▶ Schools are uniquely positioned to serve as “on-ramps” to connect uninsured children and families to health coverage. Families trust the information they get from schools.

Undocumented and non-citizen or permanent resident parents **should not fear** that applying on behalf of their children or dependents, who may be eligible for health coverage, will result in deportation or other immigration-related actions. For more clarification, read the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement memo on health enrollment and immigration at www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/ice-aca-memo.pdf.

Two Health Coverage Programs for Children & Families

1 COVERED CALIFORNIA— Affordable Health Insurance

Covered California is where eligible individuals can get affordable health insurance. Financial assistance is available to many families. For example, a family of four making between \$32,500 and \$94,200 a year may be eligible for financial assistance.

Even though open enrollment closed on March 31 and will not open again until November 15, 2014, families and individuals can still enroll in

a Covered California health insurance plan through the special-enrollment period IF they experience certain life changes, such as:

- ▶ Losing health insurance
- ▶ Getting married or divorced
- ▶ Having or adopting a child or gaining a dependent
- ▶ Change in income
- ▶ Moving into the state
- ▶ Becoming a citizen, national, or lawfully present individual

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Two Health Coverage Programs for Children & Families *(continued)*

2 **MEDI-CAL — No or Low-Cost Health Coverage**

FOR ADULTS— If annual income for a family of two is less than \$21,707, adults (including those without children) may be eligible to enroll in Medi-Cal.

FOR CHILDREN— If annual income for a family of four is less than \$63,441, children may qualify for Medi-Cal.

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How the ALL IN Campaign Will Help

- ▶ Disseminate the ALL IN toolkit to help schools and the education community connect families and individuals to health coverage.
- ▶ Provide assistance to statewide partners and the education community that commit to being ALL IN.
- ▶ Present health coverage information at state and local education meetings.
- ▶ Work with frontline leaders to inspire schools and the education community to get involved and conduct site-based ALL IN Campaigns.

“The ALL IN for Health Campaign makes it easy for schools and other education leaders to help families with ongoing ACA and Medi-Cal health coverage information and enrollment opportunities year-round.”

— Tom Torlakson
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

How School Leaders Can Help

- ▶ Get involved in the ALL IN for Health Campaign to ensure health care for all families.
- ▶ Download the ALL IN toolkit, including the game plan and informational wallet cards at **www.allinforhealth.org/toolkit**.
- ▶ Provide health coverage information to families at school events including back-to-school nights, school registration, and academic and sporting events.
- ▶ Place information on school websites, blogs, and social media sites.
- ▶ Sponsor “enrollment nights,” where families can gather at the school computer lab or elsewhere to get help enrolling in health coverage.
- ▶ Get creative! ***What will make this a defining moment in your community?***

How Local Schools are ALL IN

Learn how local school leaders connected families and individuals to health coverage by visiting the ALL IN supporter page at **www.allinforhealth.org/supporters**.

- ▶ Montebello Unified School District
- ▶ Natomas Unified School District
- ▶ Pomona Unified School District
- ▶ San Juan Unified School District
- ▶ Student Empowerment Academy



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A PROJECT OF THE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP

ALL IN is a Campaign to inform millions of people in the school community who are uninsured about health coverage options and help them enroll. This includes children, parents, school and child-care employees, and after-school staff.

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